



FIG. 1

EXAMPLE OPTICAL NETWORK ILLUSTRATING DEFINED NETWORK ELEMENTS

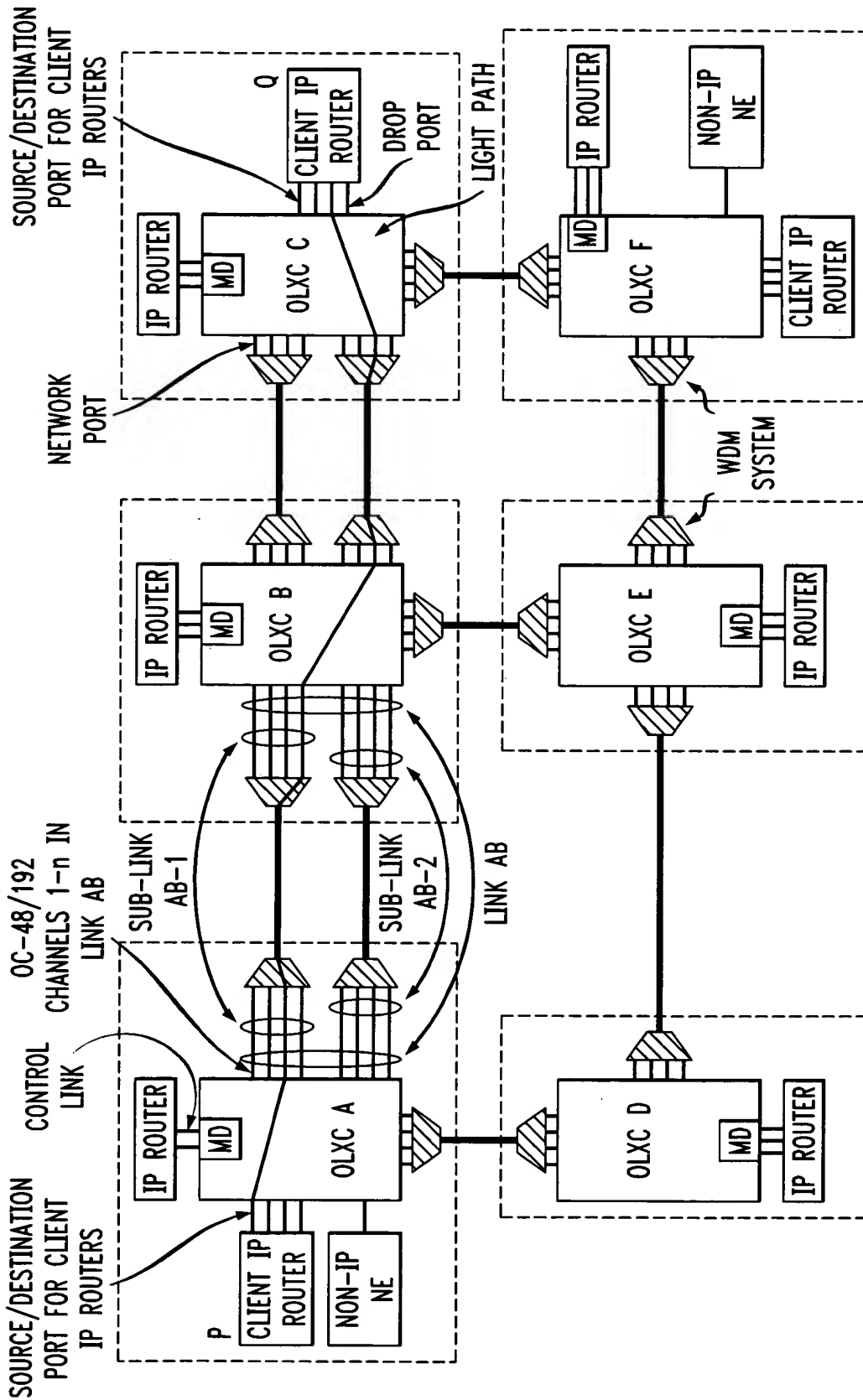




FIG. 2

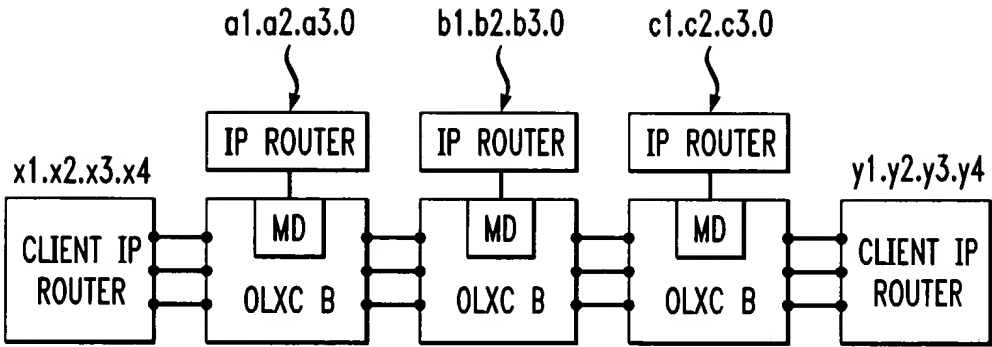


FIG. 3

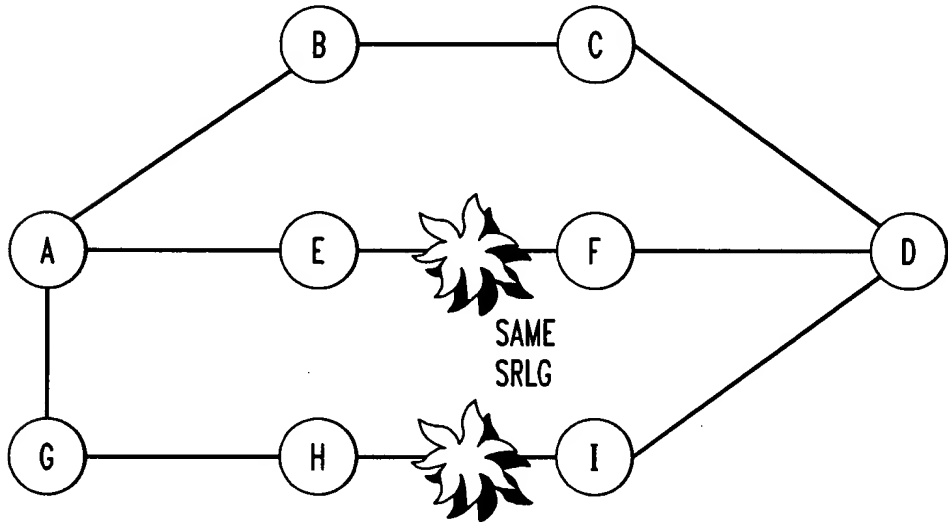
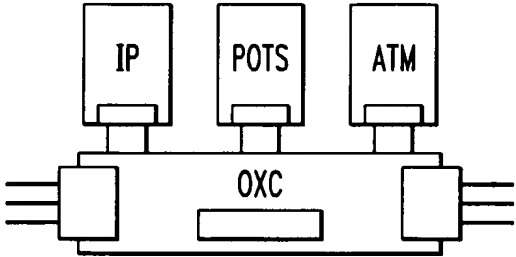
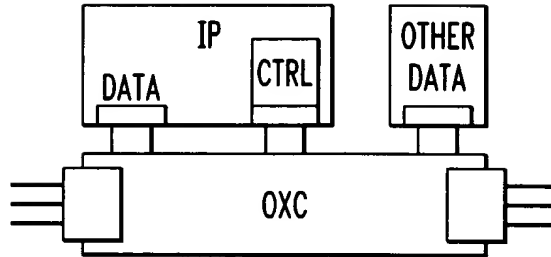
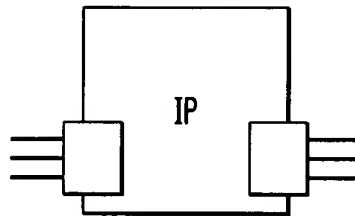


FIG. 4a





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*FIG. 4b**FIG. 4c**FIG. 5*